

Saint Augustine Catholic Church

Oakland, California

• Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time •

August 13th, 2023

The Assumption of Mary

Introduction

On August 15th, we celebrate the Assumption of Mary. The Feast of the Assumption, is a significant religious doctrine in the Catholic Church. This belief holds that at the end of her earthly life, the Virgin Mary was taken up, body and soul, into heaven by the power of God. This event is considered to be one of the most cherished and profound teachings in Catholic theology, reflecting the profound reverence and devotion to the Blessed Mother.



Biblical and Historical Basis

The Assumption of Mary is not explicitly mentioned in the Bible. However, it finds its roots in early Christian tradition and writings such as the *Transitus Mariae*, a 5th-century apocryphal account of the Virgin Mary's passing. The belief gained more traction during the early centuries of Christianity, with various Church Fathers and theologians supporting the idea of Mary's bodily assumption into heaven.

Papal Proclamation

It was not until November 1, 1950, that Pope Pius XII officially proclaimed the dogma of the Assumption through the apostolic constitution "Munificentissimus Deus." This declaration solidified the belief as an essential part of Catholic faith, affirming that Mary was taken up to heaven by the divine will alone, without experiencing death, and now reigns as Queen of Heaven.

Theological Significance

The Assumption holds profound theological implications. It affirms the special role of the Virgin Mary as the Mother of God, who was chosen to bear Jesus Christ, the Savior of humanity. It emphasizes her unique sanctity and purity, making her a model of holiness for believers to emulate.

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Weekend Mass schedule

Saturday: 5:00 pm Vigil Mass
Mass: Sunday, 10:00 am & 6:00pm

• Weekday Eucharist •

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday, 8:30 a.m.
Communion Service: Wednesday, 8:30 a.m.

• Sacrament of Reconciliation •

Saturday at 4 p.m.
Also upon Request

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Ecumenical Perspectives

While the Assumption of Mary is primarily celebrated in the Catholic Church, some Eastern Orthodox Churches also commemorate a similar event called the Dormition of the Theotokos (Mother of God). While there are theological differences between the Catholic and Orthodox views on this matter, both traditions venerate the Virgin Mary with deep respect and devotion.

Devotional Practices

The Feast of the Assumption is observed with great reverence and devotion by Catholics worldwide. Special liturgical celebrations, processions, and Marian prayers mark the occasion. Pilgrimages to shrines dedicated to Our Lady of the Assumption, such as the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., draw millions of believers seeking spiritual enrichment.

Conclusion

The Assumption of Mary stands as a profound and cherished belief in the Catholic faith. It reminds believers of Mary's exceptional role in salvation history and her everlasting presence as the Queen of Heaven. More than just a theological doctrine, the Assumption fosters a deep connection between the faithful and the Blessed Mother, inspiring devotion, intercession, and hope for eternal life with God. In the words of Pope Pius XII, the Assumption is a "divinely revealed dogma" that holds immense spiritual significance for the faithful and continues to be a source of comfort and inspiration to countless believers around the world.

Fr. Augustine Joseph

Holy Day of Obligation: The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

August 15th

Holy Masses: 8:30 am and 7 pm

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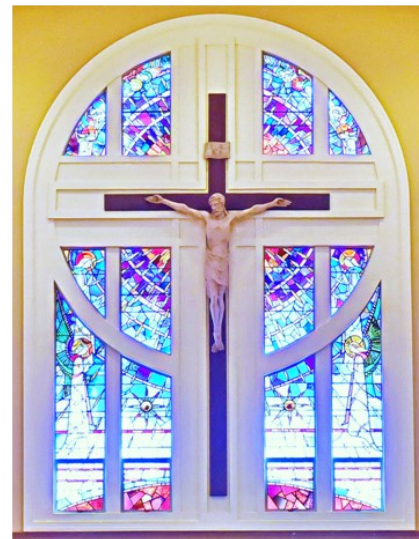
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PARISH NEWS

Welcome

If you recently moved into the neighborhood and have been attending our parish, we would love to invite you to pick up a registration form located on the table in the back of the church next to the hospitality table. You may drop it off in the collection basket at your convenience.

Important Websites and TV Channels

EWTN—Masses televised daily.

AT&T UVerse—Channel 562—No HD.

Comcast: 33 (SD), 291 (SD), 1668 (HD)

Vatican website: Vatican.va

United States Conference of Catholic Bishops: usccb.org

Bishop Barron: wordonfire.org

Donations

For anyone who would like to donate to our parish via PayPal, please go to the website and click the Donate link.

If you would like to mail a check, you may send it to 400 Alcatraz Ave. Oakland, CA 94609 —

If you would like to drop it off at the rectory, you may put it in the slot by the rectory front door. It is located on the bottom left side wall. Please do not leave an envelope in the mailbox.

August 6th plate Collection—\$2,088. Thank you for your generosity.

Question of the Week

For Adults: When have you doubted the loving care of God for you as the apostles did in the boat?

For Children: How do you know that Jesus is with you at all times?

Jesus Walks on the Water

During the fourth watch of the night Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake. Matthew 14:25 (NIV)
 Based on Matthew 14:22-33 (NIV)



G E V E N I N G R P B C Y P O
 S S C P Q N T S D U R O O A W
 C I V D O U B T K O X A A M C
 U D N W A L K I N G F F Y T E
 O N E K G A X B Y A U Y S U O
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 D Z O E I C O J U W Q N B L Z
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 V L A K E D Y A S P K Y Y S S
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EVENING	HAND	DOUBT	WAVES
COURAGE	AFRAID	SAVE	SINK
LAKE	WALKING	BOAT	WIND
PRAY	COME	WATER	ALONE

Adult Catechesis & Formation News

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) catechesis has just begun. If you are seeking initiation into the Catholic Church, or if you are just curious about the basic tenets of Catholic Christian doctrines and practices you can join RCIA Inquiry sessions after Sunday 10 AM Holy Mass in the Rectory (no strings attached). If you have questions about the RCIA process, you can email the RCIA team or leave a voice message at: rciastaugustineinfo@gmail.com or 510.653.8631.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

- 8:30 am Holy Mass
Monday through Friday
- 4 pm Reconciliation
Saturdays
- 5:00 pm Vigil Mass
Saturdays
- 10:00 am Sunday Holy Mass
- 6:00 pm Sunday Holy Mass
- 7:00 pm Weekday Rosary on
Zoom

IN OUR PRAYERS

Please remember in your prayers those who are ill:

Sam Wolfe, Sharon Smetzler-Dow, Barbara Frument, Peter Frument, Courteney Overfield, Danica Truchlikova, Laura Patterson, Daniel Coats, and Bob Shobar.

And those who have died:

Megan Franzen, Khalid Haddad, Anthony Fasanella, Richard Conness, Tony Custodio, all the victims of the Coronavirus, and all the souls in Purgatory who have no one to pray for them.

Mass Intentions

5 pm Saturday Mass
Parishioners and Benefactors

10 am Sunday Holy Mass
Anton Evans (-)

6 pm Holy Mass
Megan Franzen(+)

7 pm Assumption of Mary Holy Mass
Margaret McCormick (+)

What is the Lay Mission Project?

The Lay Mission Project is an apostolate committed to igniting the Faith of lay Catholics and helping them discern and live out their unique vocations. During our three-year program, you'll learn what it means to have a lay vocation (yes, you have one!) and how you are called to live it out.

The Plan

To get started, you'll apply to join a discipleship circle with 7-11 other lay Catholics. You will go through the formation together, supporting each other and learning as a group through biweekly meetings. On your own, the education and formation plan will include:

- Weekly online presentations by world-renowned instructors.

- Suggested readings, Lectio Divina and spiritual practices for applying the lessons.

- Yearly in-person retreats and workshops.

- Optional supplemental formation for specialization in various lay ecclesial ministries.

If it sounds like a lot, don't worry. The whole program is actually designed to fit into any busy Catholic's schedule. Most weeks only require an about a two-hour commitment, with an extra hour or two when you meet with your disciple circle every two to three weeks.

There are plenty of faith education programs out there. But the Lay Mission Project is the only one that:

- is specifically focused on the secular mission of the laity in the Church

- is widely accessible to Catholics

- is rooted in personal discipleship and illumines personal and ecclesial vocation

- draws upon lay competence and integrates formal theological education

- has sufficient scope and depth to be trusted by bishops and priests

- specifically focuses on sanctifying your everyday encounters so you can live your Faith

For more information visit <http://www.laymission.net>

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Dear Parents of St. Augustine:

I hope you all have been enjoying your summer and free time. I am contacting you in regards to the upcoming Faith Formation year. We will resume Faith Formation and CLW September 10th at 9 am in our cafeteria as always.

Please review the dates and subjects we will be learning this year in class. We have 3-4 candidates needing to receive the Sacraments of Reconciliation and Communion this year. Please let me know if you would like to join Faith Formation but do not need to receive the sacraments this year. All children must be the age of 7 years old and have completed sacrament preparation and attend 80% of classes in order to receive the sacraments in 2024.

Please respond to the Faith Formation email address (katefaithformationstaugustine@gmail.com) to confirm your children's participation in the next class registration and fill out the attached form. Please respond by July 30th so I can ensure I have a total headcount to order supplies and materials accordingly.

If you have any questions do not hesitate to contact me.

I am also requesting additional parent volunteers for both Faith Formation and Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLW) for proper adult/child ration. This can be a rotating commitment and flexible per your schedule. Kristina Lopez has been kind enough to offer up availability along with our previous catechism teachers Ms. Natasha and Ms. Trang from time to time but we could use more volunteers to help our children.

I have missed you all and look forward to resuming class.

Ms. Kate Dole
St. Augustine Parish Faith Formation Coordinator